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I AM NOW IN THE AIR ON MY WAY TO CSCE IN VIENNA AND HAVE
JUST HELD MY USUAL IN-FLIGHT PRESS CONFERENCE. THE BIG STORY THE
PRESS IS AFTER IS TO ESTABLISH THAT THE U.S. VIOLATED ITS OWN POL
BY CUTTING A BIG SECRET ARMS DEAL WITH IRAN IN ORDER TO GET OUR
HOSTAGES RELEASED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREED GUIDANCE I TOT
REFUSED TO ENGAGE WITH THEIR QUESTIONS SAYING THAT THEY WILL HAVE
TO DIRECT ALL THEIR QUESTIONS TO THE WHITE HOUSE BUT THEY ARE
LIKELY TO FILE A STORY OF SOME SORT SPECULATING ON SOME SORT OF
WHITE HOUSE DEAL WITH THE TERRORISTS.

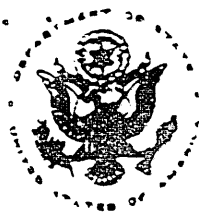
I HAVE BEEN RACKING MY BRAINS ALL DAY TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO HELP
TURN THIS SITUATION IN THE BEST POSSIBLE DIRECTION. I HAVE NOT
COME UP WITH A SATISFACTORY ANSWER. AT THIS POINT THE STORY IS
BUILDING AND THERE ARE SO MANY ASPECTS TO IT - POLITICAL LEGAL
DIPLOMATIC AND IN POLICY TERMS - THAT LEAKS AND REVELATIONS

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COULD KEEP IT GOING FOR A LONG TIME IN A BIGGER AND BIGGER WAY
AT THIS POINT THE BEST I CAN OFFER IS TO SUGGEST THAT THE BEST
WAY TO PROCEED IS TO GIVE THE KEY FACTS TO THE PUBLIC. WE COULD
MAKE CLEAR THAT THIS WAS A SPECIAL ONE TIME OPERATION BASED ON
HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS AND DECIDED BY THE PRESIDENT WITH HIS
CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ACT IN THE SERVICE OF THE
NATIONAL INTEREST. AND THAT OUR POLICIES TOWARD TERRORISM AND
TOWARD THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR STAND. THERE WILL BE MANY LOOSE ENDS
TO TRY TO TIE UP FOR A LONG TIME TO COME. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME
THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY TO GET ALL THIS BEHIND US AS
RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AND TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE BUILDING ON THE
IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH THE PRESIDENT'S ANTI-TERRORISM
POLICIES HAVE MADE POSSIBLE.

WITH WARM REGARDS

GEORGE P. SHULTZ